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Applicants: AUDIBERT et al  
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For: CEMENT SLURRIES COMPRISING HYDROPHOBIC POLYMERS  
Group: 1714 ✓  
Examiner: Szekely

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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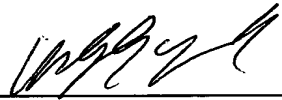
Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Szekely for the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicant's representative on July 31, 2003.

During the interview, the response filed by the Applicant on July 24, 2003, and new Claims 20 - 24 presented therein were discussed. Although agreement was not reached, the Examiner commented that it appeared that the new claims would overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. With respect to the art rejections, the Examiner did not give a definitive answer regarding patentability, but noted that the new claims were considerably narrowed and would be given thorough consideration.

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